# Intrepid Metals Identifies New Mineralization 1km East of Existing Mineralization at Corral Copper

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Vancouver, December 22, 2025 - <u>Intrepid Metals Corp.</u> (TSXV: INTR) (OTCQB: IMTCF) ("Intrepid" or the "Company") is pleased to provide assay results from the two final diamond drill holes from the 2025 drill campaign at the Company's flagship Corral Copper Property ("Corral" or the "Property") in Cochise County, Arizona. One of these holes was drilled approximately 1 kilometer ("km") to the east of the Ringo Zone, in an untested part of the Property and it confirmed anomalous base and precious metals over significant intervals.

"Drilling in the new zone approximately one kilometre to the east has confirmed the presence of both base and precious metal mineralization, marking an important milestone in our exploration program," said Mark Morabito, Chairman and CEO of Intrepid Metals. "Importantly, the geological features observed are very similar to those seen at Ringo, suggesting a consistent mineralizing system. While the grades encountered are not yet at the levels we have historically seen, these results represent a very encouraging first step as we continue to advance this target area."

Highlights from Holes CC25\_045 and CC25\_046:

## CC25 046:

- 55.50 meters ("m") of 0.37% Copper ("Cu"), 0.56 grams per ton ("gpt") Gold ("Au") and 9.01 gpt Silver ("Ag") from 62.50m to 118.00m (1.13% Copper Equivalent ("CuEq")1) including
  - 7.20m of 0.88% Cu, 0.27 gpt Au and 47.22 gpt Ag (2.10% CuEq<sup>1</sup>) from 70.80m to 78.00m.

## CC25 045:

• 13.00m of 0.11% Cu, 0.04 gpt Au and 5.64 gpt Ag (0.31% CuEq<sup>1</sup>) from 144.00m to 157.00m.

Hole CC25\_045 was designed to test coincident magnetic and gravity geophysical features associated with favorable geology that is reminiscent of the Ringo Zone but located approximately 1 kilometer to the east. This target contains a similar gravity feature to that which occurs at Ringo, a magnetic feature and prospective Jurassic intrusions. Hole CC25\_045 is significant because it contains silica-clay-altered quartz monzonite intrusion(s) and anomalous base and precious metals over significant intervals including 13.00 m of 0.11% Cu, 0.04 g/t Au, 5.64 g/t Ag, 0.48% Zinc ("Zn") with a CuEQ¹ value of 0.31% (from 144.00 to 157.00 m; see Table 1 below). The geophysical features and the presence of intensely altered and mineralized monzonite porphyry represent a new zone of highly prospective, distal "Ringo Style" mineralization that will be prioritized for drill delineation in 2026.

## UPDATE

Figure 1: Drill plan map from the Ringo Zone at Corral Copper

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Table 1: Drill Intercepts for the Ringo Zone<sup>1</sup>

CC25 038 & CC25 039 COMPOSITE INTERCEPTS

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DRILL HOLE	ANALYZED GRADE				DILUTED METAL EQUIVALENT <sup>1</sup>			
DRILL HOLE	FROM TO	LENGTH	COPPER	RGOLE	SILVER	RZINC	CUEQ	AUEQ
ID	(m) (m)	(m)	(%)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(%)	(%)	(ppm)
	77.00 85.00						0.17	0.15
	103.00 105.0			0.02	4.20		0.09	0.08
CC25_045	121.00 132.0	011.00	0.03	0.02	3.31	0.14	0.11	0.10
CC25_045	140.00 158.7	5 18.75	0.09	0.03	4.26	0.34	0.24	0.21
Incl.	144.00 157.0	013.00	0.11	0.04	5.64	0.48	0.31	0.27
CC25_045	170.00 172.0	02.00	0.09	0.03	0.80	0.00	0.12	0.10
CC25_045	178.00 180.0	02.00	0.04	0.06	1.20	0.00	0.10	0.09
CC25_045	184.60 204.0	019.40	0.03	0.06	2.53	0.08	0.13	0.11
CC25_045	208.00212.0	04.00	0.01	0.08	2.90	0.04	0.12	0.11
CC25_045	220.00224.0	04.00	0.26	0.07	3.35	0.04	0.33	0.29
CC25_045	232.00236.0	04.00	0.01	0.07	2.30	0.11	0.12	0.10
CC25_045	249.35255.6	06.25	0.05	0.08	3.56		0.20	0.17
CC25_046	23.50 34.50	11.00	0.07	0.01	0.25	0.00	0.08	0.07
CC25_046	45.00 47.00	2.00	0.07	0.06	0.25	0.00	0.12	0.10
CC25_046	62.50 118.0	055.50	0.37	0.56	9.01	0.83	1.13	0.98
Incl.	63.90 113.2	049.30	0.40	0.62	10.01	0.94	1.25	1.09
And	63.90 85.50	21.60	0.47	0.12	18.72	1.20	1.01	0.88
And	70.80 78.00	7.20	0.88	0.27	47.22	2.36	2.10	1.83
Incl.	88.95 113.2	024.25	0.39	1.15	3.44	0.81	1.62	1.41
And	103.35 108.2	04.85	1.13	4.95	8.54	0.21	5.67	4.92
CC25_046	121.00175.5	054.50	0.09	0.10	2.77	0.46	0.31	0.27
Incl.	140.00 151.5	011.50	0.04	0.07	6.52	1.81	0.61	0.53
CC25_046	182.50233.8	051.30	0.07	0.07	1.82	0.12	0.17	0.14
Incl.	217.50225.4	07.90	0.24	0.23	5.60	0.06	0.49	0.43

Table 2: Drill Hole Location Information for all holes drilled in 2025

DRILL	START	END	EASTING	NORTHING	ELEVATION	I AZIMUTI	HINCLINATION	NDEPTH
HOLE	DATE	DATE	(m)	(m)	(m)	(°)	(°)	(m)
CC25_02	26 2025-04-28	3 2025-05-03	613245	3514003	1424	Ò	-90	234.4
CC25_02	27 2025-05-04	4 2025-05-08	613265	3514017	1423	0	-90	224.65
CC25_02	28 2025-05-09	9 2025-05-16	613267	3513936	1420	0	-90	240.8
CC25_02	29 2025-05-17	7 2025-05-23	613353	3513985	1415	225	-60	305.1
CC25_0	30 2025-05-24	4 2025-05-30	613219	3513900	1423	0	-90	270.7
CC25_0	31 2025-05-3°	1 2025-06-06	611891	3515918	1501	235	-40	320.65
CC25_0	32 2025-06-07	7 2025-06-12	612028	3515934	1472	0	-90	313.05
CC25_0	33 2025-06-12	2 2025-06-17	612135	3515757	1485	235	-80	230.1
CC25_0	34 2025-06-18	3 2025-06-22	612169	3514840	1495	250	-45	204.2
CC25_0	35 2025-06-22	22025-06-29	612258	3514776	1494	245	-50	249.95
CC25_0	36 2025-06-30	02025-07-06	612177	3514898	1497	250	-50	219.6
CC25_0	37 2025-07-07	7 2025-07-18	613050	3514029	1435	0	-90	334.65
CC25_0	38 2025-07-19	9 2025-07-29	613337	3513870	1422	0	-90	282.55
CC25_0	39 2025-07-30	02025-08-09	613276	3513906	1420	0	-90	255.75
CC25_04	40 2025-08-10	02025-08-22	613341	3513664	1438	0	-90	331.30
CC25_04	41 2025-08-23	3 2025-08-27	613099	3513981	1428	0	-90	310.00
CC25_04	42 2025-08-28	3 2025-09-02	613188	3513970	1425	0	-90	274.90
CC25_04	43 2025-09-03	3 2025-09-10	613305	3514040	1420	0	-90	212.15
CC25_04	44 2025-09-1°	1 2025-09-15	613156	3513936	1425	0	-90	290.15
CC25_04	45 2025-09-1	5 2025-09-22	614067	3513972	1411	215	-70	391.05
CC25_04	46 2025-09-23	3 2025-09-27	613206	3513935	1423	0	-90	269.75

# **Technical Information**

All scientific and technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Daniel MacNeil, P.Geo. Mr. MacNeil is a Technical Advisor to the Company and is a qualified person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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Mr. MacNeil has verified the drilling data disclosed in this news release, including the assay and test data underlying the information or opinions contained in this news release. Mr. MacNeil verified the data disclosed (including previously released Intrepid data underlying the information disclosed) in this news release by reviewing imported and sorted assay data; checking the performance of blank samples and certified reference materials; reviewing the variance in field duplicate results; and reviewing grade calculation formulas. Mr. MacNeil detected no significant QA/QC issues during review of the data and is not aware of any sampling, recovery or other factors that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the drilling data referred to in this news release.

As it relates to adjacent properties disclosed in this news release, Mr. MacNeil has been unable to verify the information and that the information is not necessarily indicative to the mineralization on the Corral Copper Property.

## **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

Drill core was first reviewed by a geologist, who identified and marked intervals for sampling. The marked sample intervals were then cut in half with a diamond saw; half of the core was left in the core box and the other half was removed, placed in plastic bags, sealed and labeled. Intervals and unique sample numbers are recorded on the drill logs and the samples are sequenced with standards and blanks inserted according to a predefined QA/QC procedure. The samples are maintained under security on site until they are shipped to the analytical lab.

All core samples were sent to ALS Geochemistry (ALS), a division of ALS Global, in Tucson, Arizona, for sample preparation, with pulps sent to the ALS Geochemistry laboratory in Reno, Nevada for analysis. ALS meets all requirements of International Standards ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 9001:2015 for analytical procedures and is independent of the Company. HQ size core was split and sampled over approximately two metre intervals. Samples were analyzed using: ALS's Fire Assay Fusion method (Au-AA23) with an AA finish for gold and by gravimetric finish (Au-GRA21) for samples assaying greater than 10 ppm (gpt) gold; by a 36-element four acid digest ICP-AES analysis (ME-ICP61) with additional analysis for High Grade Cu (Cu-OG62), High Grade Zn (Zn-OG62) and High Grade Pb (Pb-OG62); and for silver assays above 100 ppm (g/t) by Fire Assay Fusion method with gravimetric finish (Ag-GRA21). ME-ICP61 results were reported in parts per million (ppm), High Grade (OG62) results were reported in percent (%). In addition to ALS quality assurance- quality control (QA/QC) protocols, Intrepid implements an internal QA/QC program that includes the insertion of sample blanks, duplicates, and standards, with QA/QC control samples comprising approximately 10% of the sample stream.

## **About Corral Copper**

The Corral Copper Property, located near historical mining areas, is an advanced exploration and development opportunity in Cochise County, Arizona. Corral is located 15 miles east of the famous mining town of Tombstone and 22 miles north of the historic Bisbee mining camp which has produced more than 8 billion pounds of copper<sup>2</sup>. Production from the Bisbee mining camp, or within the district as disclosed in the next paragraph, is not necessarily indicative of the mineral potential at Corral.

The district has a mining history dating back to the late 1800s, with several small mines extracting copper from the area in the early 1900s, producing several thousand tons. Between 1950 and 2008, various companies explored parts of the district, but the effort was uncoordinated, non-synergistic and focused on discrete land positions and commodities due to the fragmented ownership. There is over 50,000m of historical drilling at Corral mainly centered on the Ringo, Earp and Holliday Zones and although this core has been destroyed, Intrepid has a historical digital drill hole archive database which the Company uses for the purposes of exploration targeting and drill hole planning. Intrepid, through ongoing exploration drilling and surface geological mapping, sampling and prospecting is increasing confidence in the validity of this data.

Intrepid is confident that by combining modern exploration techniques with historical data and with a clear focus on responsible development, the Corral Copper Property can quickly become an advanced exploration stage project and move towards development studies.

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Intrepid Metals Corp. is a Canadian company focused on exploring for high-grade essential metals such as copper, silver, and zinc mineral projects in proximity to established mining jurisdictions in southeastern Arizona, USA. The Company has acquired or has agreements to acquire several drill ready projects, including the Corral Copper Project (a district scale advanced exploration and development opportunity with significant shallow historical drill results), the Tombstone South Project (within the historical Tombstone mining district with geological similarities to the Taylor Deposit, which was purchased for \$1.3B in 2018<sup>3</sup>, though mineralization at the Taylor Deposit is not necessarily indicative of the mineral potential at the Tombstone South Project) both of which are located in Cochise County, Arizona and the Mesa Well Project (located in the Laramide Copper Porphyry Belt in Arizona). Intrepid has assembled an exceptional team with considerable experience with exploration, developing, and permitting new projects within North America. Intrepid is traded on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) under the symbol "INTR" and on the OTCQB Venture Market under the symbol "IMTCF". For more information, visit www.intrepidmetals.com.

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### Notes

¹ Composite intervals are calculated using length weighted averages based on a combination of lithological breaks and copper, gold, silver and zinc assay values according to a 0.10% CuEq (see below) cutoff and include a maximum of 10 meters of internal dilution. All intervals reported are down hole core lengths, and true thicknesses have yet to be determined. Mineral resource modeling is required before true thicknesses can be estimated. Analyzed Grade corresponds composite weighted ("composites") averages of laboratory analyses. Metal Equivalent assumes estimated recovery factors including 85% recovery for copper, and 80% recovery for gold, silver and zinc for reported composite intervals. Metal prices used for the CuEq and AuEq calculations are in USD based on Ag \$37.00/oz, Au \$3000/oz, Cu \$3.80/lb, Zn \$1.15/lb The following equation was used to calculate copper equivalence: CuEq = Copper (%) (85% rec.) + (Gold (g/t) x 0.71)(80% rec.) + (Silver (g/t) x 0.0077)(80% rec.) + (Zinc (%) x 0.28)(80% rec.). The following equation was used to calculate gold equivalence: AuEq = Gold (gpt)(80% rec.) + (Copper (%) x 1.4085)(85% rec.) + (Silver (gpt) x 0.0108)(80% rec.) + (Zinc (%) x 0.4188)(80% rec.). Analyzed metal equivalent calculations are reported for illustrative purposes only. The metal chosen for reporting on an equivalent basis is the one that contributes the most dollar value after accounting for assumed recoveries.

<sup>2</sup> Information disclosed in this news release regarding the historic Bisbee Camp can be found on the Copper Queen Mine website, on the City of Bisbee website (www.bisbeeaz.gov/2174/Bisbee-History) and from Briggs, D.F., 2015, History of the Warren (Bisbee) Mining District, Arizona Geological Survey Contributed Report CR-15-b, 8 p.

<sup>3</sup> Details regarding the sale of the Taylor Deposit can be found in South32 News Release dated October 8, 2018 (South32 completes acquisition of Arizona Mining).

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Certain statements contained in this release constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Such forward-looking statements relate to: the potential of the property; the interpretation of drills results; the potential for a porphyry discovery; that the geological features observed are very similar to those seen at Ringo; expectations for drilling in 2026; the exploration potential of the Corral Copper Property and the Company's other mineral projects; and potential future production.

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